

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Call to Order:** By Chairman Edith Clark, on January 25, 2007 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 102 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Edith Clark, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Dan Weinberg, Vice Chairman (D)  
Sen. John Cobb (R)  
Rep. Joey Jayne (D)  
Sen. Greg Lind (D)  
Rep. Penny Morgan (R)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Peg Holwick, Committee Secretary  
Lois Steinbeck, Legislative Branch  
Pat Sullivan, OBPP

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing: Senior and Long Term Division:  
Veterans' Services; Aging/Adult Protective  
Services (APS);  
Skilled Nursing Facilities;  
Community Medicaid Services  
Executive Action: None.

**SENIOR AND LONG TERM DIVISION**

**VETERANS' SERVICES**

**Public Testimony:**

00:02:58 Colonel Jim Jacobson, US Army Retired  
00:04:32 Roger Hagen, Officer and Enlisted Associations of  
the Montana National Guard

**AGING/ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES**

**Public Testimony/Questions from the Committee:**

00:06:02 Rep. Clark  
00:07:21 Susan Kohler, Director, Area Agency on Aging for  
Missoula and Ravalli Counties; President of the Montana  
Area Agency on Aging Association

**EXHIBIT(jhh17a01)**

00:12:27 Rep. Clark  
00:12:59 Karen Erdie, Area II Agency on Aging  
00:14:39 Bea Ann Melichar, on behalf of self

**EXHIBIT(jhh17a02)**

00:17:44 Rep. Morgan  
00:19:20 Christiana Sikcra, Executive Director, Big Sky Senior  
Services  
00:24:26 Bill Kennedy, Yellowstone County Commissioner  
00:27:48 Rep. Morgan  
00:30:57 Bea Ann Melichar  
00:32:15 Kristin Butten, Fergus County Council on Aging  
00:34:29 Rep. Clark  
00:35:06 Sen. Carol Juneau, SD 8, Browning  
00:40:45 Sylvia Danforth, Executive Director, DEAP, a nonprofit  
agency on family education and support services

**EXHIBIT(jhh17a03)**

00:45:34 Charlie Briggs, on behalf of Sharon O'Meara

**EXHIBIT(jhh17a04)**

00:49:56 Deborah Pate, Area III on Aging  
00:51:12 Jim Atkinson, Director, Area IX, Agency on Aging,  
Kalispell  
00:54:49 Nancy Gibson, Director, Belmont Senior Center, Butte

**EXHIBIT(jhh17a05)**

**EXHIBIT(jhh17a06)**

**EXHIBIT(jhh17a07)**

00:59:24 Duane Lutke, Area VI Agency on Aging  
01:04:41 Claudia Clifford, Advocacy Director, AARP Montana  
01:09:39 Rep. Morgan

01:12:35 Beverley Barnhart, Chairman, Governor's Advisory  
Council on Aging  
01:13:38 Mary Mumby, on behalf of self  
01:15:19 Betty Beverly, Executive Director, Montana Senior  
Citizen's Association  
01:20:27 Rep. Morgan  
01:21:07 Linda Stahl, Area Agencies on Aging  
01:24:45 Joanne Verwolf, on behalf of self  
01:27:12 Rep. Clark

**SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES**

**Public Testimony:**

01:30:04 Rose Hughes, Director, Montana Health Care Association  
**EXHIBIT(jhh17a08)**

01:33:33 Sarah Caldwell, Certified Nursing Assistant(CNA), on  
behalf of self

01:36:24 Jason Wolf, CNA, Big Sky Care Center

01:37:39 Ann Moody, on behalf of self

01:40:32 Melissa Beckman, CNA, on behalf of self

**EXHIBIT(jhh17a09)**

01:45:13 Stephen Miles, on behalf of self

01:47:33 Pete Waite, LPN, Rocky Mountain Care Center

01:49:27 David Hanson, VP Glacier Bank, on behalf of Emanuel  
Lutheran Home, Kalispell

01:51:01 Linda Canfield, Director of Nurses, Emanuel  
Lutheran Home, Kalispell

01:53:51 Cathy Weaver, CNA

01:56:06 Glenn Sergeant, Physical Therapist and Risk Manager,  
Emanuel Lutheran Home, Kalispell

01:59:11 Dale McDaniel, on behalf of self

02:01:51 Linda Shearer, Interim Executive Director, Emanuel  
Lutheran Home, Kalispell

02:04:57 Jeff Smith, Administrator, Benefis Skilled Nursing  
Center

02:07:28 Amanda Manch, CNA, Benefis Skilled Nursing Center

02:10:50 Amber Nadar, CNA, Benefis Skilled Nursing Center

02:14:10 Bryan Husow, Administrator, Eagle Cliff Manor, Billings

02:17:27 Bob Olson, Montana Hospital Association,

**EXHIBIT(jhh17a10)**

02:21:53 Break

02:32:05 Reconvene

**Community Medicaid Services**

**Public Testimony:**

02:32:42 Mary DeBernardis, on behalf of self

**EXHIBIT(jhh17a11)**

02:35:24 Laura, on behalf of self

02:37:38 Sheila James, on behalf of self

**EXHIBIT(jhh17a12)**

02:39:01 Anita Roessmann, Montana Advocacy Program

**EXHIBIT(jhh17a13)**

02:41:26 Shyla Patera, on behalf of self

**EXHIBIT(jhh17a14)**

02:43:15 Lynn-Marie Kelly, on behalf of self

**EXHIBIT(jhh17a15)**

02:45:36 Patricia Graham, on behalf of self

02:47:13 Rudy Shiner, on behalf of self

02:48:54 Christian C, on behalf of self

02:49:45 Daniel Baxter, on behalf of self

02:51:48 Matt Patrick, on behalf of self

**EXHIBIT(jhh17a16)**

02:52:53 Theresa Gardner, Nightingale Nursing

02:54:19 Brenda Richardson, Nightingale Nursing

02:55:53 Ken Dalton, on behalf of self

**EXHIBIT(jhh17a17)**

02:58:43 Alan Madplume, on behalf of self

03:01:07 Pam Davis, on behalf of self

03:03:35 Carrie Schaff, on behalf of self

03:05:18 Ramon Ranieri, on behalf of self

**EXHIBIT(jhh17a18)**

03:05:44 George Olk, on behalf of self

**EXHIBIT(jhh17a19)**

**Question from the Committee:**

03:07:17 Rep. Morgan

03:07:42 John Chappuis, Deputy Director, Department of Health  
and Human Services, (DPHHS)

03:08:17 Mark Sanders, Board of Directors, Brain Injury  
Association

**EXHIBIT(jhh17a20)**

03:10:53 Warren Hines, Senior Director, Easter Seals of Montana

03:12:40 Kay Brown, on behalf of self

03:14:41 Susan Palmer, Operations Manager, Nightingale Nursing

03:16:35 Diane Holland, Nightingale Nursing

03:18:19 Shawna Michel, Brain Injury Health Group, Helena

03:19:35 Ann Gonzalez, on behalf of Billings Clinic

**EXHIBIT(jhh17a21)**

03:21:44 Russ Olson, on behalf of self

03:24:26 Mike Sullivan, on behalf of self

[EXHIBIT\(jhh17a22\)](#)

03:25:41 Bill Woody, Nightingale Nursing

03:27:04 Tim Lasbrowski, on behalf of self

03:28:17 Janece Jacobs-Sharky, Director of Services, Opportunity  
Resources, Inc.

[EXHIBIT\(jhh17a23\)](#)

03:31:10 Kris Gray, Branch Manager, A Plus Health Care

[EXHIBIT\(jhh17a24\)](#)

03:32:17 Lois McElravy, on behalf of self

[EXHIBIT\(jhh17a25\)](#)

03:29:48 Walter Shieble, on behalf of self

[EXHIBIT\(jhh17a26\)](#)

03:34:03 Lisa Haney, on behalf of self

[EXHIBIT\(jhh17a27\)](#)

03:35:16 Joyce Scott, on behalf of self

03:37:11 Sherry Maharg, R.N., Administrator and Owner, Aspen  
Gardens, Assisted Living Facilities

[EXHIBIT\(jhh17a28\)](#)

03:38:08 Rose Hughes, on behalf of Assisted Living Facilities

03:39:08 Kris Gray, A Plus Health Care

[EXHIBIT\(jhh17a29\)](#)

03:41:59 Trenny Brown, on behalf of self

03:43:13 Judy Erickson, on behalf of self

[EXHIBIT\(jhh17a30\)](#)

03:44:34 Randy Butterfly, on behalf of self

[EXHIBIT\(jhh17a31\)](#)

03:47:20 Leanne Sage, on behalf of self

03:51:54 Diane Mitchell, on behalf of self

[EXHIBIT\(jhh17a32\)](#)

03:48:42 Peter Wait, on behalf of self

[EXHIBIT\(jhh17a33\)](#)

03:50:05 Joseph Kehrens, on behalf of self

03:54:17 Lucas Faust, on behalf of self

[EXHIBIT\(jhh17a34\)](#)

03:55:04 Joanne Verwulf, Summit Living Center

03:55:14 Jim Mickelson, on behalf of self

03:55:54 Robin Comstock

03:56:08 Diane Slater, Easter Seals

[EXHIBIT\(jhh17a35\)](#)

03:56:57 Travis Hoffman, on behalf of self

03:57:50 Dustin Hankinson, on behalf of self

03:58:46 Eileen Richey, on behalf of self

03:59:45 Michael Beers, Summit Independent Living

**Additional Exhibits:**

[EXHIBIT\(jhh17a36\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jhh17a37\)](#)

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[EXHIBIT\(jhh17a51\)](#)

**ADJOURNMENT**

04:05:00 Adjournment.

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REP. EDITH CLARK, Chairman

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PEG HOLWICK, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([jhh17aad.pdf](#))**